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Regulation of Coaching Institutions
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware about the fact that a large number of coaching institutes have been operational to provide specialised coaching for exams like Pre-Medical Test (PMT), Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), All India Engineering Entrance Examination (AIEEE) by charging high fees and thus depriving poor students;
(b) if so, whether the Government is aware of the increasing incidents of suicides reported by the students enrolled at those coaching centres and if so, the details thereof;
(c) whether the Government intends to bring a policy to regulate these coaching institutions in the country and if so, the details thereof;
(d) if not, the reasons therefor and the time by which it is likely to be implemented; and
(e) whether the Government has issued any direction to the States/UTs to frame stricter guidelines for the coaching centres and to regulate them, if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
(SMT. SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI)

(a) to (e): There are no accurate estimates of the number of students opting for coaching centers for faring better in the entrance examinations. Whereas several of these coaching centres are informal arrangements, many others are registered under the State Boards.

The Government does not consider the coaching systems as a healthy trend; and is committed to strengthening the school education system. Entrance examinations like the Joint Entrance Examination (JEE) are being increasingly based on application of concepts taught in the school syllabus, thereby reducing the need for coaching classes. Apart from this, online courses are proposed to be offered by the best teachers in the country free of cost to all students to reduce the dependence on coaching centres.

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